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In re application of:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time extending to July 5, 2004, the period for response to the Final Office Action dated February 5, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$420 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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